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SUBJ: RSA MEDIA ON REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

SUMMARY: REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT BY US CONGRESS HAS
ELICITED NO OFFICIAL REACTION FROM SAG. RSA MEDIA HAS
REPORTED NEWS IN STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER, FOR THE MOST
PART WITHOUT COMMENT. END SUMMARY.

FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF EDITORIALS:

1. CAPE TOWN AFRIKAANS PAPER " DIE BURGER " MARCH 16 SAID
PRES. CARTER'S " SUPPORT FOR REPEAL OF THE BURD AMENDMENT
MEANS THE USA WILL AGAIN BE PARTIALLY DEPENDENT ON THE
USSR. FOR THIS STRATEGIC MINERAL, AND THAT
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COUNTRY IS THE GREATEST OFFENDER AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. PRETORIA AFRIKAANS PAPER " OGGENDBLAD " MARCH 16 SAID
" ANY ACTION AIMED AT KILLING THE RHODESIAN ECONOMY
AND ADVANCING THAT NATION TOWARD 'MAJORITY RULE' IS
REGARDED AS ADVANTAGEOUS TO SUPPRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS
BETWEEN THE ZAMBEZI AND LIMPOPO. SUCH IS THE ARGUMENT,

AND MR. CARTER IS ASSURED OF APPLAUSE FROM THE AFRICAN BLOC IN THE UNGA FOR THE CONGRESS DECISION ON CHROME... ONE IRONY OF THE SITUATION IS THAT THE USA WILL NOW BE MORE DEPENDENT ON RUSSIAN CHROME AND AT A HIGHER PRICE."

3. JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER " DIE TRANSVALER" MARCH 17 ATTRIBUTED REPEAL TO "HIGHMINDED MOTIVATION" OF CARTER ADMIN. AND ITS DESIRE " TO SHOW THE WORLD" ITS COMMITMENT OT HUMAN RIGHTS... MR. CARTER SHOULD NOTE THE VITAL STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO THE WEST OF THE ENORMOUS CHROME RESERVES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE SOVIETS WILL WELCOME ANY USA HELP TO UNDERMINE THE STABILITY OF THE REGION."

4. DURBAN ENGLISH PAPER " DAILY NEWS" MARCH 17 SIMPLY DESCRIBED REPEAL AS " AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY WITH FEW PARALLELS."
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